

23 January 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Inquiry from the Vice President's Office
Concerning Free Europe Committee

1. At 1815 on 22 January Charles MacWhorter of the Vice President's office called to state that they had received quite a few inquiries from individuals concerning the attacks on the Free Europe Committee by Mr. Fulton Lewis, Jr. He asked whether there was any substance to these attacks, whether any steps had been taken to silence Lewis and what the Vice President's office should respond to the questions. I told Mr. MacWhorter that, generally speaking, there was little or no substance to the Lewis attacks and that they were generated by exile politics or by disgruntled ex-employees. I said that efforts to stop the attacks had been made by the Crusade for Freedom in directly appealing to Lewis, but that it was rather difficult to do anything about his radio broadcasts or column. I suggested that the Vice President's office respond to any inquiries by stating that they felt the attacks were without substance, that the Crusade for Freedom was a most worthy cause and urging the individuals to continue to support it. Mr. MacWhorter asked whether the Crusade for Freedom couldn't send some message to all corporate contributors that they could use in responding to inquiries from stockholders stimulated by Lewis. I said we would look into this.

2. MacWhorter then asked whether I thought it was advisable for the Vice President to accept an invitation to speak to the Assembly of Captive European Nations. I told him that we were very interested in this and believed that it would be most helpful to have the Vice President do it.

/s/
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Inspector General

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